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(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Authorities Apprehend 980 Migrants Crossing Into Texas and Arizona

(U) El Paso – Customs and Border Protection (CPB) apprehended nearly 1,000 migrants in “three large groups” crossing into Texas and Arizona. Authorities apprehended more than 980 individuals that illegally crossed the border in three large groups. The groups, mostly comprised of family units from Central America, were apprehended in the El Paso and Tucson sectors. One of those groups contained 360 people, CBP said in a statement. They were detained after Border Patrol camera operators saw a “mass of people after multiple buses arrived south of the US-Mexico border approximately 14 miles west of the Port of Lukeville.

SOURCE: 16 April 2019, [NY Daily News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Colorado – Schools Close as Authorities Search for Armed Woman ‘Infatuated’ with Columbine

(U) Denver – Public schools in Jefferson County, the site of Columbine High School, and nearby districts are closed today as police hunted for an armed Florida woman “infatuated” with the Columbine massacre, three days before the 20th anniversary of that attack. Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Jefferson County deputies and Colorado state troopers were searching overnight for Sol Pais, identified as an 18-year-old woman from Florida. They called her “extremely dangerous.” Pais flew from Miami to Denver on Monday, where she bought a pump-action shotgun and ammunition. The Denver FBI office was alerted to the potential threat yesterday morning by Miami FBI agents. They notified area schools that afternoon.

SOURCE: 17 April 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Intelligence Official Reports ISIS Offshoot Willing, Able to Strike US

(U) Kabul – ISIS-affiliated terrorists in Afghanistan, noted for their brutality in a brutal land, pose the top threat for spectacular attacks in the United States, according to a senior US intelligence official. The group known as ISIS-Khorasan, like al-Qa’ida, which plotted the 9/11 terror attacks from Afghanistan, also has designs on striking targets in Western nations. ISIS-K has hundreds of fighters, has shown increasing effectiveness in its tactics, and recruiting in Afghanistan, said Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., the ranking member of the Armed Services Committee who recently visited Afghanistan.

SOURCE: 17 April 2019, [USA Today](#)

(U) Denmark – Man Arrested For Placing Grenade in Neighborhood

(U) Copenhagen – A 19-year-old man has been sentenced to 27 days in jail on suspicion of placing a functioning hand grenade on a square a neighborhood in Copenhagen with a large population of immigrants. The grenade didn’t explode. The man, who was not identified, also allegedly issued a death threat against anti-Muslim provocateur Rasmus Paludan, who had been planning a demonstration in the area. Danish police have in recent days issued repeated one-day demonstration bans against Paludan

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after counter-demonstrators clashed with police. Police now have banned Paludan from staging any demonstrations in greater Copenhagen until next week. Paludan has held dozens of anti-Muslim demonstrations across Denmark under heavy police protection in recent months.

SOURCE: 17 April 2019, [Seattle Times](#)

(U) Germany – Authorities Arrest Man Accused of Recruiting for ISIS

(U) Hamburg – German authorities arrested a man suspected of joining ISIS in Syria and later helping send another new recruit for ISIS from Germany to Syria. Federal prosecutors said the 28-year-old German national, identified only as Volkan L. in line with German privacy rules, was arrested in Hamburg. He is suspected of membership in a foreign terrorist organization. Prosecutors said that he traveled to Syria in November 2013 to join ISIS and underwent military training. They say he returned to Germany in March 2014 and turned his attention to finding new recruits. He is accused of helping organize travel to Syria for one such person in summer 2014, acting as a go-between between the recruit and an ISIS member in Syria.

SOURCE: 17 April 2019, [Seattle Times](#)

(U) Italy – Authorities Arrest Two Terror Suspects Training For Combat

(U) Milan – Authorities arrested an Italian convert to Islam and a Moroccan resident who met over the Internet and were preparing to fight with ISIS. Sicilian prosecutors who ordered the arrests, said investigators had identified the Italian suspect, 25-year-old Giuseppe Frittatta, from social media posts. They included extremist propaganda as well as photos of himself holding a knife with a 10-inch blade calling for deaths to “all westerners.” The 18-year-old Moroccan, Ossama Gafhir, is alleged to have induced Frittatta toward extremism, and was following stringent fitness routine to prepare for combat. Frittatta — a Sicilian who changed his name to Yusef — allegedly was in contact with extremists in Italy and abroad, including an American that prosecutors are trying to identify who provided ISIS battlefield details.

SOURCE: 17 April 2019, [The Washington Post](#)

(U) Netherlands – Organized Crime Trumps Terrorism, Migration as Top Threat to Security

(U) The Hague – Increasingly violent organized crime groups pose the biggest threat to European security, outstripping terrorism and migration, top police from across the continent said yesterday. Italian Mafia groups, Albanians and Eastern Europeans, and “outlaw” motorcycle gangs were the biggest players, officials told a conference led by Italy’s anti-Mafia agency and the EU police agency Europol. But Asian, African and South American groups were also moving in on Europe’s €110 billion a year organized crime business, with many increasingly working with each other, the meeting in The Hague heard. Officials said that organized crime had been “in the shadow” in recent years when Europe faced a wave of terrorist attacks and a huge migration crisis, but that it now had to be tackled by cross-border cooperation.

SOURCE: 17 April 2019, [The Japan Times](#)

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